

Developmental and Behavioral Screening for Children

The Michigan Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines indicate that developmental/behavioral screening/assessment is required:

- At each scheduled EPSDT well-child visit from birth through adolescence as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule; and during any other preventive health care well-child visits when there are parent/guardian and/or provider concerns.

The PCP should screen all children for developmental and behavioral concerns, including engaging in risky behavior, using a validated and standardized screening tool as indicated by the AAP periodicity schedule. The AAP periodicity schedule is located at: www.aap.org >> Professional Resources >> Clinical Support >> Bright Futures >> Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care in Practice.

It is advised that each child be screened by their PCP using the following screenings/assessments as indicated by the AAP. The AAP requires developmental screening for children at 9, 18 and 30 (or 24) months of age. The following tools can be used to complete a developmental screening:

- The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ 3) can be used for children 1 month to 5 years and 6 months of age.
- The Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) can be used for children birth to 7 years and 11 of age.

Referral

If the developmental screening is positive for children under the age of 36 months, PCPs should refer the child to Early On® at 1-810-591-KIDS or 1-800-EarlyOn. More information can be found at: www.1800EarlyOn.org. The appropriate current procedural terminology (CPT) code used to report the administration of a developmental screening is **96110**.

Reimbursement

The PCP may bill for up to three screenings administered during a well-child visit using the appropriate CPT codes for screenings/assessments, along with the appropriate E/M code, for beneficiaries younger than 21 years of age.

- CPT Code 96110: Developmental screening (e.g., developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screen), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument. Appropriate code for the administration of the ASQ 3, PEDS, M-CHAT, M-CHAT-R/F, or the SCQ screening tool.

Providers should contact Bozena Boozel (888) 562-5442 Ext.151050 for additional assistance if needed.

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